

SENATE BILL 1629

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
relative to retirement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 35, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

8-35-251.

(a) Tennessee federally qualified health centers shall be participating employers in the Tennessee consolidated retirement system, and shall be liable for the costs incurred as a result of the participation by an entity's employees; provided, that for the purposes of this section, "employees" means all staff, including administrative staff, assigned to, supervising or otherwise having responsibility over, school based clinics only.

(b) The employees of the entities referenced in subsection (a) shall make the same contributions, participate in the same manner, and shall be eligible for the same benefits as employees of local governments participating in the retirement system under this part.

(c) The employees shall be entitled to credit for prior service as approved by the board of directors of the respective entity under the same provisions that apply to employees of local governments.

(d) Withdrawal of an entity from participation in the retirement system shall be governed by the provisions in this part that apply to local governments.

(e) The retirement system shall not be liable for the payment of retirement allowances or other payments on account of employees of the entities or their

beneficiaries for which reserves have not been previously created from funds contributed by the respective entity or its employees or both.

(f) It is the legislative intent that the state shall realize no increased cost as a result of this section. All costs associated with retirement coverage, including administrative costs, shall be the responsibility of the respective entity.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.